

## Summer Days

It's that time of the year again when the prospect of the months of July and August are so tantalisingly close that we're tempted to hope, once more, that this year – just maybe this year 2013, Summer might be Summer, as some of us used to know it!

For the many teachers, families and others whose yearly routine hinges around a September start and an end-of-June finish – July and August are two very precious months indeed. The usual annual/weekly routine is adjusted, holidays are planned, rest and recreation are sought, fun and sun are hoped for in equal measure, all by way of recharging spirits for the Autumn kick-off!

Lazy late-morning lie-ins!, the pitter patter of tiny feet around the house all day every-day! long leisurely sun and fun filled days ending with balmy Bar-B-Q evenings, so fondly remembered by so many “in the Ireland of our day”!, now seem to be no more than the stuff of legend, in the light of recent years, in the light of recent ‘summers’!!

That said – we still have to be of good cheer in this part of the Northern Hemisphere if, in spite of everything, we have a measure of good health, live a peaceful, relatively stress-free personal life, have the means to support and be supported by our family and most importantly of all, an experience of loving and being loved – then good weather is but an added extra; no more than an inconvenience with its absence, an embellishment with its presence.

If there's a way we can get our heads and our hearts together in the same space at the same time, what a cracker ‘Summer’, or any other season for that matter could be! But if, as is self-evident, we are victims of a natural order over which we have so very little control – could it also be that if there is a source from which this order came in the first place, that we might also be inheritors of an even bigger legacy, if we manage to attune ourselves to that as well! Especially so if the source of life is also the source of love! – hail, rain or shine; and all three are a distinct possibility again this year!!

Have a good one!

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**Father ACT** (Fathers Arthur, Conor and Tom) Summer 2013

## Thank you

In his opening words at the Mass in which he was welcomed home after too long away, Fr. Tom thanked everyone for the warmth of the wishes he had received from so many while he was convalescing after his ‘incident’. He assured the congregation that the dog involved on that fateful day in May is doing fine as well! As he went on, his evident appreciation of the affection and the interest of the community was quite obviously mutual and a very powerful witness to that aspect of life in St. Brigid's that makes it such a good place to live and to work. He summed up his few words by referring to one of the huge number of cards he got, especially from one of the pupils in the Girls' school; she explains in it that she thinks

he is “grate”! and hopes he gets better real soon – that she has lots of different pets and others and that she loves them all - “even you”!!!!

**What a special and different aspect to Fathers' Day, Cabinteely 2013.**

**May He support us all the day long till the evening comes and the shadows lengthen and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done; then in His mercy may he give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last.**

(Cardinal Newman)

The Parish Office will be open from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, for July and August. There will be no 11.30am mass in The Park Mass Centre during July and August. Check out our website for full details of mass times here in St Brigid's as well as those of our neighbours in Foxrock and Johnstown. We look forward to welcoming you wherever - whenever!

# Community Spirit alive in Cabinteely



Second class boys from St. Brigid's Boys School with Principal **Pat O'Connell** and teacher **Lisa Quinn** (right) and SNA **Dawn Harvey** (left).

## A special day forever

First Holy Communions in the Parish took place on the two last weekends of May. Sixty boys from St. Brigid's Boys' School and 60 girls from St. Brigid's Girls' School received communion for the first time with the support of their teachers, Ms. Bradford and Ms. Quinn in the Boys' school, Ms. Keane and Ms. Kilty in the girls; the Priests of the Parish and of course their parents.

**A vox pop of the children after their special day says it all...**

"A brilliant day a happy day"

"I loved it 'cause now I'll be able to go to real Mass in St Brigid's"

"I really really liked my first penance too – that night was cool"

"Our Teacher is the best and taught us loads about God and Jesus and love"

"I got the bread of life for the first time and that was really special – I can get the bread of life anytime I like now"

"God loves me and at Mass he helps me be good at loving my family too"

"I got lots of cards with money that day because it was so special – but that's not meant to be the most important thing – sure it's not?"

"I love my family and being with them all, my Gran was there too, in God's house made it really special like, because God loves us all"

"A special day forever"



Second class boys from St. Brigid's Boys School with Principal **Pat O'Connell** (right) and teacher **Carla Bradford** and SNA **Bernadette O'Donoghue** (left).



Some of the girls from St. Brigid's Girls' School on their First Holy Communion Day



The Friday morning Scripture group surprised **Kay Kenny** with a cake and a little party to celebrate her **80th.** birthday recently. Assisting with the cake cutting is **Veronica Flynn**. Happy birthday Kay!

## S Club B 1836

Let me introduce you to St. Brigid's Social Club for 18 to 36 year olds! We believe a club such as this is long overdue as so many within this age bracket have disengaged from the Parish. The Social Club was established recently and we're at a brainstorming stage for really fun ideas for you to get involved. We've had some great suggestions so far from members of the group and can't wait to tell you more.

If you are interested in joining, if you have any ideas to put forward or if you have a talent to share please email us at [SclubB1836@gmail.com](mailto:SclubB1836@gmail.com)

**Watch this space for more information!**



**Jane Farrelly** and **Darran Byrne** on their wedding day.



**Meabh McMullan** and **Andrew Murphy** on their wedding day.

## Cara celebrates its 10th anniversary



Members of **CARA** visiting Arigna Mines during a recent holiday in lovely Leitrim.

Cabinteely Active Retirement Association, otherwise know as CARA, is community based and affiliated to Active Retirement Ireland (ARI). There are over 500 groups like CARA dotted around the country with a total membership of approx. 23,000. ARI's ethos is inclusive and its purpose is to enable retired people to enjoy a full and active life as well as advocate for them.

CARA organises many activities, such as boules, card playing, outings and holidays, line dancing, visits to places of interest, mahjong, socials, talks, quizzes, pitch and putt, TAI CHI, walks, theatre and concert visits, but above all promotes camaraderie. Why not get involved? Our members range in age from 55 to 90+ who like to take part in and enjoy active lives. **Contacts: Denis 2896756 or Breeda 2808526.**

# Back to the Father's house

June 16th was a very busy day in terms of celebrations in the south county of Dublin. What with the festivities in Dun Laoghaire, the usual Bloomsday gig in Glasthule/Dalkey, the mini world cup in our own Park in Cabinteely, as well as the national recognition of Fathers' Day throughout the length and breadth of the country, it seems that 'gatherings' of all kinds were in full swing.

Here in St. Brigid's we honed in on the Fathers' Day aspect of the day, as so many people would be coming back to their Fathers' houses to mark the day in a family way. 'Back to the Father's house' conjured up an appropriate parish/community concept and opportunity to welcome back, after almost three months' absence effectively (save for one weekend) the longest serving father (in the collared sense) in

Cabinteely – Fr. Tom.

Prior to the welcome home Mass at 4.30pm, we had a community day of sorts in the grounds and car park of St. Brigid's. We had 'a taste of Cabinteely' supplied by all the eateries in the village; we saw artists and crafts people display their wares for admiration or entertainment, giving us a taste of Cabinteely in another sense. The Gospel Group provided a lively wind up to the day as they had earlier helped to provide such a reflective atmosphere in the church.

The following collage of photographs gives a much more powerful insight into what was a very successful parish/community event, than any amount of words could convey. Photographs with thanks to **Denis Burke, Brendan Henderson and Aine Tennyson.**



**Mr. Balloonatic** pictured with **Holly Pierce (aged 7)** visiting from Monkstown



**Colin & Teresa Pielow** from Pielows



**David Johnstone** joining in with the Gospel Choir



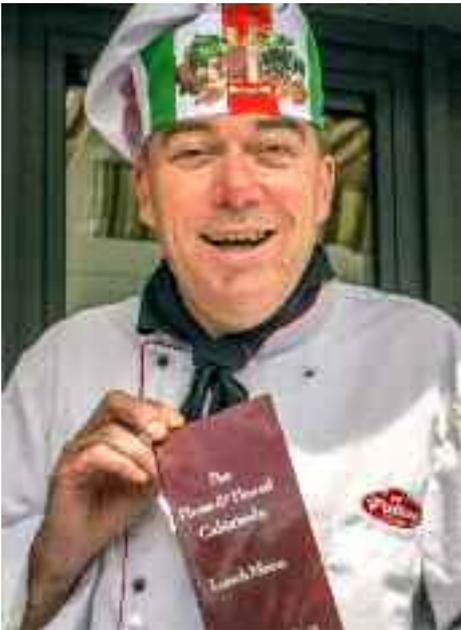
**Ella Manley (aged 4½)**



**Tara and Mark Malone** from the Olive Branch



**Angela Callery and Mary Moore**



Sponsor, **Frank Quinn**, Chef, Horse & Hound



**Joan Dillon** with picture by **Fearghal O'Farrell**



**Willie Donohoe and Margaret Emmett**



**Siobhán and Jeremy Seligman** with **Roberta O'Broin and Aine Tennyson**



**Sean Lehane** pictured with **Louise McGlynn** visiting from Rathfarnham

## Balancing the books

The end of the financial year for the Parish is fast approaching. Hopefully, soon after the 30th June, we will present the annual accounts to the Auditors, and once they have reported, we will present them to you, the parishioners.

However, a quick update might be appropriate now, before people head off on summer holidays to enjoy endless hours of unbroken sun in Ireland, or abroad.

The Parish finances are reasonably healthy, and much improved since this time last year. The Parish's only source of income is the Family offering. It has been maintained in 2013 at the same level as in 2012. We are appreciative of all those who do contribute.

I remain convinced that some parishioners, who contribute weekly to collections taken at up Mass, do so in the belief that in some way the parish benefits financially. It is worth repeating that the Christmas and Easter dues and the First and Second collections at Mass are all Diocesan collections, NO part of which accrues to the Parish. They are collections, which are totally worthy of our support but I believe that it is important to remind parishioners that a contribution to them is not a contribution to St. Brigid's parish.

Your support is still needed, both to assist in the reduction and ultimate elimination of the debt, which stands as of now at €250,000, but also to help us utilise the wonderful facility, which the Centre undoubtedly is.

Commercial entities should also find our rates very attractive, and we have parking available for those using the Centre.

With your help, the good news story will continue, and next year I hopefully I will report an even better story.

**D Murray**, Finance Committee



## Cabinteely Crossroads Céilí 2013

Traditional Céilís have been linked to Cabinteely since 1950's when Céilís were held regularly in the Carnegie Library in the village. The Céilí was renewed in Cabinteely a number of years ago, with the event really benefiting from its move to the new location opposite St. Brigid's Church. The new location offers the community of Cabinteely the opportunity come and meet, chat, have a dance and enjoy the quality food offered by local businesses on the street.

This year the Céilí will take place in Cabinteely Village from **8.00pm to midnight on Saturday 27th July**. In this the year of the Gathering, friends and family from abroad will be made particularly welcome. More info on [www.dancingatthecrossroads.net](http://www.dancingatthecrossroads.net)



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## Parishes working together

In recent times, the parishes of Cabinteely, Foxrock and Johnstown have been actively collaborating and working together.

Members of each Parish Pastoral Council have come together to form a 'Pastoral Area Group' (PAG); This group meets monthly and has a shared vision of "Parishes Working Together for Mission and Evangelisation".

The PAG is currently working on four key priorities:

- \* **Identifying the pastoral needs of the areas**
- \* **Exploring and agreeing the structures for pastoral planning for the area**
- \* **Putting in place a consultation and communications process for all parishioners**
- \* **Joint planning, training and evangelisation activities.**

All three parishes are highly committed to this process of working together. It will involve collaborating in ministry and a sharing of resources to ensure the best possible service.

We will keep you informed and any ideas, suggestions or feedback is welcome. You can make contact through the Parish office.

### Make Contact

Like to get involved or have a story? We'd love to hear from you. Please make contact through the Parish office at **(01) 2858835** or email [contact@cabinteelyparish.ie](mailto:contact@cabinteelyparish.ie).

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For further information please see our website [www.clonkeencollege.ie](http://www.clonkeencollege.ie) or contact the principal, **Mr. Kevin Barry at 289 2709**

### Cabinteely Tidy Towns

In 2012 Cabinteely Tidy Towns won the Overall Prize and the Award for Best Small Town in the DLRDCC Tidy Districts Competition and also had our best result to date in the National Tidy Towns competition. Adjudication for 2013 takes place soon so we're asking for a special effort to keep all areas in the village tidy and litter free, especially during June, July and August. Thank you.

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